

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Petition for Waiver of)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline)	
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Apalachicola Municipal Library)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(127602))	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	
Support Mechanism)	

**Petition for Waiver of
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2016
RE: FCC Form 471 BEN # 127602**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Apalachicola Municipal Library, soon to be renamed the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library, serves the small rural population in the county seat of Franklin County, Florida. Franklin County has very high poverty rate, and low literacy rate. It is designated by the state of Florida as a REDI county (288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative). The Apalachicola Municipal Library has received funding from the Department of State to assist in the construction of a new library, more than doubling the size, and increasing the functionality of this community asset. Programming, especially for children will be greatly improved.

The Apalachicola Municipal Library submitted and certified their Funding Year 2016 FCC Form 471, Form 471 Application Number 161060498, in the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on August 4, 2016, after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of July 21, 2016.

The reason for being unable to file by July 21 at midnight was delays in getting appropriate and complete contract documents from the vendor. Included in this waiver request is the final contract document. In it there are two quotes, with accompanying Purchase Orders from the City. The first, dated July 18, 2016, was received in time by the City, but after examination, it did not include the necessary additional equipment necessary for a complete new construction installation. In an effort to file within the deadline, the city urged the vendor,

who is on the State of Florida Master Vendor list, and a known vendor of choice in the greater Tallahassee region (75 miles Northeast of Apalachicola), to provide the necessary additional quote. Unfortunately, the vendor did not submit the second quote to the City, even though it is dated July 21, before the window closed.

II. Request

The Apalachicola Municipal Library, a department of the City of Apalachicola respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2016 FCC Form 471 filing deadline to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2016 FCC Form 471 161060498.

This new library will be the first new major construction by the City of Apalachicola in decades, and a long overdue improvement to the delivery of library services for this rural, under-served population. Because this is new construction, we found ourselves working with the architect, the builder, the City's IT consultant, and the vendor all at the same time. It has been a learning experience for all. Funds to make this library work in this technology-driven 21st century environment are very limited.

Respectfully submitted,



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